SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY P. O. Box 1255 Suffolk, Virginia 23434



Next Meeting. The November Meeting of the Society will be hald on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Department Building on North Main Street. The main event of the day will be the presentation of the W. Hill Kilby trophy, awarded annually to the teacher who has done the most to promote an interest in local history.

We are happy to announce that this year's award will be presented to Jo Ann S. Hunter, a teacher at Suffolk High School. Mrs. Hunter was, for several years, a team teacher in the American studies program along with Mrs. B. L. (Joyce) Trump who received last year's award. This year she is teaching advanced composition, but she has not omitted history from her study plan. Mrs. Hunter's Composition Class and Miss Nan Howard's Art III Class have just completed writing and art project dealing with the history and architecture of several North Main Street structures. We plan to have the fruits of the students' labors displayed at this Meeting.

Also, at the November Meeting we will be able to view the architect's model and floor plan for the adaptive use of the Riddick House on North Main Street. Mrs. Charles Shotton, a member of the Riddick's Folly Incorporated Board of Directors, will be on hand to answer questions about the project. In conjunction with this display, Mr. Robert Archer will be present with a group of costume dolls dressed as the ladies of Riddick's Folly. The costumes were designed and made from portraits of the Riddick ladies and their descendants.

After a brief meeting and the presentation of the W. Hill Kilby Award, members and guests will be invited to partake of refreshments as they enjoy the displays and the fellowship. Please come and bring any interested friends.

HOUSE TOUR - Our Second Annual Candlelight Tour will be held on Sunday, December 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will be opening four of Suffolk's lovely old homes. The Ellison House (C.1900) on Linden Avenue, the Jones House (C.1898) on Bank Street; the Kendrick House (C.1870) on Franklin Street, and the Myrick House (C.1830) on North Main Street. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ellison, III, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Harrell, Miss Stella Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodward, Jr., for making their homes available to us.

Again this year, the homes will be decorated with fresh Christmas greenery and lighted candles. Refreshments will be served to all our guests and local musicians will provide Christmas music throughout the afternoon.

Enclosed in each local member's newsletter, please find two tour tickets. You are responsible for either selling or returning these tickets to ticket chairman, Mrs. J. R. Neal on or before November 27 (she will be at the November 19 meeting). Mrs. Neal can also supply extra tickets for advanced sales. Her address is 1105 Lake Point Lane, Suffolk, Virginia 23434.

We will need the assistance of every local member to make the tour a success. The following people will be calling on you for help in the very near future. Please give the tour and these chairmen your full support.

Mrs. Marion J. Watson Mrs. James C. Godwin Ellison House Jones House Kendrick House Myrick House

FOR CIVIL WAR ENTHUSIASTS - The Civil War Round Table has recently been organized in Suffolk for those people interested in the War Between The States. Family memberships are \$10.00 and anyone joining prior to January 1, 1979 will be considered a charter member. On November 12, there will be a Round Table battle-field tour in Petersburg and on December 10, there will be a lecture presented at the Chamber of Commerce by Kirk Bigelow. On January 7, a Lee-Jackson banquet will be held offering a social hour, dinner, music from the Civil War, and speeches about Lee and Jackson and the soldiers who served under them. Any Historical Society Member may attend the banquet. People who are interested in joining the Round Table or attending the banquet, should call or write to:

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